

Organized Owners File Answer to Fed Suits—Both Local Fives Win Games

FEW STARS WILL REMAIN IN BIG LEAGUES IN 1920

Men Who Have Been in Top Ranks for the Last Several Years Are Fading—Wagner About Through.

By Frank G. Menke.
NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Another five years and most of the present day diamond stars will be but memories. Father Time has been lenient with some, but there is a limit to Father Time's patience, and certain it is that his patience will be exhausted in many cases.

Ladlow and Wagner, the grand old guard, are on the down grade. It is possible that both may stick it out through 1915, but it's beyond the hope of fandom that they can go through 1916 in major league company.

Mathewson, the wonderful Giant pitcher, enters his fifteenth season in major league company. Matty is still good—but Matty is slipping. Three years at the most seems to be Matty's limit as a regular worker on a big league mound. Matty is only 34 years old now—but his arm isn't as good as it used to be. It has lost much of its old-time cunning. Last season it has rarely that the opposition didn't beat him for from seven to twelve hits per game, and when the opposition can do that it means that Matty is going.

Tommy Leach probably is good for two more years in major league society—but no more.

Chief Bender and Eddie Plank, the twirlers who did so much to bring fame and glory to Philadelphia, are near the end of their careers. They may pitch fine baseball for two or three years longer—but no longer.

Ed Walsh, of the White Sox, may "come back" in 1915, but if he does, he can linger only a year or two longer. Age has robbed this once mighty arm of its power.

Giants Are Sure to Go.
Another five years, and it is hardly likely that more than three or four of the present day New York Giants will be in the majors. Merkle, Doyle, Fletcher, Meyers, Snodgrass, Beecher, Murray and some of the others have turned the prime time of their baseball lives. They are on the down grade, and soon they will slip into obscurity.

This Speaker is 31 years old. He still is a wonderful ball player, but he will be just as wonderful at the age of 36? Will he then be even wonderful enough to hold a job in the major leagues. Maybe yes—and maybe no.

Miller Huggins, of the Cardinals, still ranks as a wonderful second baseman. But Miller is getting pretty well along in years. Johnny Evers still is a wonderful player—but will Johnny be able to answer the major league roll call five years hence, when he will be nearing the 40-year mark?

Rube Oldring and Jack Lapp, of the Athletics, are getting old. They soon will fall by the wayside. Dick Houtz, now with the Red Sox, is a veteran. Sam Crawford, the old war horse of the Detroit Tigers hit like a fiend last year and fielded in wonderful style. He showed no signs of age, yet Sam has passed the turning point and it seems unlikely that when 1915 comes around that Sam will be anything else than a major league memory.

Archer Nearly Through.
Jimmy Archer, the Cub catcher, and Larry McLean, the Giant catcher are nearly through. They are still good—but they are skidding. Jake Daubert, the great first sacker of the Brooklyn Dodgers is pretty well along in years, as ball players go.

Charles Doolin, Hans Lobert, Grover Alexander, Sherwood Magee, "Gaby" Cravath and "Lud" Luderus, who made up the main strength of the Phillies last year are veterans. They rank just now as among the best players in the game. But how many do you think will be in the major league five years from now?

Helmie Zimmerman of the Cubs, may last five years longer—and he may not. Vic Saler, of the Cubs, may last five years and he may not. Zach Wheat, of the Dodgers, who ranks as a wonderful outfielder, is nearing the turn. "Dode" Paskett, of the Phillies, cannot last much longer. Frank Schulte, of the Cubs, is due for the minors in another year. Eddie Grant, of the Giants, Josh Devore, of the Braves, Reulbach, of the Dodgers, Ames, of Cincinnati, and a score of other present day stars in the National league soon must travel the trail to oblivion.

Terry Turner, of the Naps ranking now as the greatest utility man in the game, is near the end. So are George Moriarty, of the Tigers, and Bill Carrigan, of the Red Sox. In the American league today, where the talent is somewhat younger than that of the National league, there are least 75 players who seem to be in their prime. But five years hence—where will they be?

GOLF MEN PICK OFFICERS
Geo. R. Balch of Cincinnati is Named President.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Western Golf association Saturday night:

President—George R. Balch, Cincinnati Golf club.

Vice president—Bruce D. Smith, Onwentsia club.

Secretary—George F. Henneberry, Glen View club.

Treasurer—C. C. Piddleford, Flossmoor Country club.

Directors—Honore F. Smith, Nashville Golf and Country club; William F. Brooks, Minekahada club; E. S. Armstrong, Los Angeles Country club; William J. Fox, Omaha Country club; T. B. Boyd, Glen Echo Country club.

Nominating committee for 1915—A. D. Plamondon, Exmoor Country club, chairman; J. A. Roberts, Kansas City Country club; W. H. Brooks, Mayfield Country club; George W. Adair, Atlanta Athletic club; J. R. Linnist, Denver Country club.

It was decided to play the western amateur championship over the Mayfield course at Cleveland, O.

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Willie Ritchie Will Reenter the Ring



LOCAL FIVE WINS IN FINAL PERIOD

Dowagiac Ties Up Game in First Half, Then Jumps to the Lead But Fails to Keep Advantage.

Living up to her mark in football Dowagiac high school basket ball squad gave the local team the hottest fight of the year at the Y. M. C. A. Saturday night but was forced to take the short end of a 30 to 22 score.

From the first it was seen that the two teams were about evenly matched and they battled even throughout the first half. As soon as one team went ahead a few points the other overtook it. Sullivan started the scoring by making a basket during the first half-minute of play, and two minutes later had caged the ball from the center of the floor. Beach secured a goal and a foul, and the score stood this way after seven minutes of play. At the end of the half the count was 10 to 15.

Dowagiac got the jump at the beginning of the second period and was leading 15 to 15 before South Bend got started. Sensational shooting by Hagerty and Myers, while Dowagiac was able to score but two baskets put South Bend in the lead with less than five minutes to play. During the last few minutes neither team could score. Dowagiac used a five man defensive formation when the ball was outside on which all her men would play near their opponents' baskets. This was effective in cutting off many shots by the Dowagiac team.

Line-up and summary:
South Bend (30) Dowagiac (22)
Scott Gwilt
Right Forward.
Hagerty Beach
Left Forward.
Myers Walker
Bacon Cross
Right Guard.
Sullivan Allen
Left Guard.
Substitutions—Whiteman for Sullivan; Sullivan for Scott; Suits for Gwilt. Field goals—Hagerty, 7; Beach, 5; Sullivan, 3; Myers, 2; Scott, Gwilt; Cross; Allen. Fouls—Walker, 3; Hagerty, 4; Beach, 2. Referee—Mike Y. M. C. A. Time of halves—20 minutes.

BOTH MIDDIES ARE FIT
Gibbons and Clabby Are Ready for Their Bout.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Mike Gibbons added the middleweight excitement in Chicago today by injecting his presence into the loop boxing activities. Mike tripped off a train with his party a little while after noon. He had with him Brother Tom and Ray Temple, who will share the sparring partnership with Tom.

The shadow man went through some of his phantom sidesteps and capers in a workout at the Forbes gym during the afternoon, appearing as a rival attraction to his comrade, Jimmy Clabby, who was going through another stiff workout at Bernstein's at the same hour. Both the middles look fit and fine and should be ready to travel at high speed all the way next Thursday night in Milwaukee.

Gibbons intends to box at Forbes' tomorrow and Monday.

SOMERS MAN WHO MADE AMERICAN

Came Across When League Was in Need of Funds—Now Needs Help But Chances Are He Will Not Get Money.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Do you think that Ban Johnson and his American league colleagues will answer the "S O S" calls of Charles Somers, owner of the Naps, and render the aid that he needs?

It's one of the big questions of the hour in a baseball way and the odds seem to be about 19 to 1 against Johnson or anyone else in the league slipping an ear to Somers who is in financial difficulties.

Something like 14 years ago when Johnson was acting as Comiskey's agent in the organization of a new league, he found that very few men were willing to risk their wealth in what looked like a big hazard. One of the few men that he did find was Charles Somers of Cleveland.

Johnson told Somers what he had to offer. He told Somers how much money was needed. And Somers went almost to the limit of his wad in making the American league possible. He took a franchise in Cleveland. He hired high priced talent. He got the best men he could get and he paid huge salaries. Johnson wanted to place a team in Boston. He couldn't interest Boston capitalists. In the crisis, Somers came to the fore. He unstrapped his pocketbook and let Ban dip in as deep as he wanted to.

"I've got some left," said Somers, after Ban had placed a team in Boston—with Somers' money. "It's at your disposal. Call on me when you need money. Don't feel embarrassed, I'll help to the limit of wealth."

Often during the early days of the American league's battle for life money was needed. And just as often as it was needed, Somers was there with the money. Had the American league gone to the wall it probably would have carried Somers with it. But Somers was game. He took a chance. And the American league, more because of Somers' financial backing than anything else, won out in its fight with the National league.

BANK CLEARINGS DECREASE.
Bank clearings for the week ending Friday decreased \$50,032 as compared to those of the corresponding week in 1914. The figures for the current week are \$1,511,732; those for the corresponding week in 1914 were \$1,561,764.

Daily clearings for the week were as follows: Jan. 9, \$60,708; Monday, \$259,545; Tuesday, \$261,182; Wednesday, \$247,002; Thursday, \$230,106; Friday, \$213,403.

CORBY AND ST. JOE TEAMS WIN RACES

Two fast races featured the intermission of the basket ball game yesterday. Corby found little opposition with Walsh and the Corby lads carried the bantam around the track six times in 1:23 1-2 seconds, which is a fraction of a second faster than in another contest. St. Joe beat the Day Students by a few inches and covered the distance in 1:44 1-5 seconds.

Corby's runners were, Sackley, Whalen, T. King, H. King, J. Ryan and Capt. Bergman. Walsh was represented by McDonough, Seng, Sterret, O'Neill, Insley, Brown. The individual star of this contest was Tom King, Friend of St. Joe, who was the star in the other contest. The local runners were represented by Edgren, Rohen, Flynn, Foley, Noland, Volkner. St. Joe's lineup was McCosker, O'Shea, Fries, Coley, Freund, Bartholomew.

The interhall basketball games tomorrow will be played at the following times: Brownson and Walsh at 10 a. m.; Corby and St. Joe, 3:15; Sorin vs. Day Students at 4:30.

CLAIM ADAMS IS A PROFESSIONAL



Platt Adams, champion standing broad and high jumper, who is to be tried before the registration committee of the A. A. U., on charges of professionalism. Among other things Adams has been accused of selling prizes he won at amateur meetings. His friends are indignant in their denials of the charges and he will be backed in his defense by the New York A. C., of which he is one of the most valuable point winners. Adams scored 11 points for the American team at the last Olympic games at Stockholm.

ORGANIZED MEN COME BACK AT FEDERAL LEAGUE

File Affidavits in Which They Allege Feds Were Anxious for Peace—Not an Institution for Profit.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Twenty-four affidavits declaring that organized baseball is not a trust and a menace, but is a blessing and not a curse to the players were filed in the United States district court Saturday.

The affidavits were filed in denial of the charges of the Federal league in the injunction suit which will be tried in Judge Landis' court Jan. 20.

Among the affidavits which were sworn to by club owners and managers of the American and National leagues and by members of the national commission, the following charges and denials stand out prominently:

Garry Herrmann, chairman of the national commission, swore that the Federal league sought peace with organized baseball.

Charles W. Somers, president of the Cleveland Naps, swore that Charles Weeghman, president of the Chicago Federals, told him that "if organized baseball would deal fairly with him that he could within 15 minutes bring all those interested in the Federal league to terms which would result in the consolidation of all baseball interests."

Garry Herrmann in another affidavit stated that organized baseball in its entirety was not an institution for profit. Ernest Johnson of the American league swore that there can be no such thing as "cornering the baseball market."

Mike Cantillon, president of the Minneapolis club, testified that he was the "go-between" in the recent peace negotiations.

Charles A. Comiskey, president of the Chicago White Sox, reviewed the jumping of Hal Chase to the Buffalo Federals and declared that he offered the first baseman a contract minus the ten-day clause.

Robert L. Hedges, president of the St. Louis Browns, said the Federals offered Annew \$5,000; Hamilton \$7,000; Satterten, \$5,000, and Clarence Walker \$4,500 a year for three years. Barney Dreyfuss, president of the Pittsburgh Pirates, in his affidavit told how strenuously Fielder Jones worked to get Viox and Cooper from the Pittsburgh club. The former White Sox manager is said to have offered Viox \$12,000 for two years, half of it in cash when the contract was signed. Cooper was held a bit closer, as he was offered only \$11,000.

Empire Steve Cusack broke in by introducing a Federal league contract bearing the ten-day clause. Cusack was with the Federals last season.

Joseph J. Lannon, president of the Boston Red Sox, stated that Charles J. Weeghman and Robert Ward were willing that the Federals should become a minor league if they could purchase the Cubs and the Yanks, the former to get the Chicago club while Mr. Ward would take the New Yorkers.

WHITE SLAVER IS CAUGHT

Man Wanted at St. Joseph is Under Arrest.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Jan. 16.—Comer Campbell, wanted in St. Joseph, Mich., on a charge of violating the Mann act by taking 17-year-old Lila Dimon, from Lacrore, Wis., to St. Joseph, was arrested at noon today by Detective Kroulik of the local police department.

Campbell became a student at Coe college on Monday and was arrested at a student's rooming house. He denies the charge.

ENGINEER KILLED.
HAZLETON, Pa., Jan. 16.—Howard Hollis, chief engineer of the company was killed and \$20,000 damage was done by fire which destroyed the largest breaker of the G. R. Markle company, anthracite coal operators, at Highland today.

LESSONS ON HOW TO BECOME A REPORTER BY THE POSTMORTEMIST.

LESSON II.
In our last lesson we got you your job and your assignment now we will tell you how to get your story. In the first place you do not know where the church is.

Of course you could look up the city directory and it would tell you where it is located or you could ask the city editor, but we suggest that you do not ask the city editor. Then, too, the chances are that the star reporter is using the city directory on his typewriter stool and one of the things the young reporter must not do is to disturb the star reporter.

So in our predicament we will go out and ask the first policeman we see. Policemen always know where churches are located. You see so many people forget over Sunday where they left their church the last time they attended, that a policeman always remembers this for them, and also to save himself the trouble of looking it up.

After he has told you where it is you should be able to locate the building. As you approach it walk softly. Grasp the door gently and open it, being careful all the time not to make any extra noise.

As a reporter must be prepared for any emergency we suggest that you leave the door open. Of course, if it is down below zero close the door, but open the window, always remembering that an unimpeded exit is about the handiest thing you can have when it comes to an emergency. Now you must pause and look about. Maybe this is a meeting of the women's society and if you have never enjoyed the advantages of a co-educational college course you will feel somewhat shy about going down in front. So if it proves to be a women's meeting hide behind the curtains or back of the door, listen until you think you have enough details and then you can go back to the office.

If it is a man speaking the matter is simple. Simply walk up to him and stop him in the midst of his sermon. Tell him you are a reporter and the chances are he will not know the difference. Ask him for notes, telling him that you need them to write your story. After he gives you the notes your next part is easy. You leave the church. Now in case you still remember where the office or as reporters say, shop, is located you should hurry around to write your story.

ARMY TEAM WILL BE ON NOTRE DAME LIST
Coach Harper Announces Two Squads Will Clash Again This Year.

That football relations between Army and Notre Dame will continue this year, was officially announced by Coach Harper Saturday. The contest will be played on the West Point field on Saturday, Nov. 6.

The gold and blue have played against the Army for the past two years, each winning one game. Consequently the third game will be full of interest and the competition will be unusually spirited. Two years ago Notre Dame started the whole sport world when she surprised the eastern school with a 35 to 13 score. Last season the soldiers came back with a 28 to 7 count.

"We would rather play Notre Dame than any other school in the country," said an Army official recently. They will turn down any college in the country except the Navy in preference to Notre Dame, it has been said.

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ACCURATE WORK IN CAGING BALL FEATURES GAME

Notre Dame Men Show Great Form and Win Over Beloit 42 to 21—Fitzgerald is Individual Star.

In a game featured by sensational basket shooting and fast, clean playing Notre Dame defeated Beloit in the local gymnasium yesterday, 42 to 21.

Capt. Kenny Fitzgerald and Mills of the gold and blue five and Cornell and Korst of the visitors aroused the spectators time and again with beautiful shots from the field.

The game was perhaps the fastest of the season and incidentally, the Notre Dame team showed up in its best form of the year.

During the first few minutes of play, Beloit held the locals and indications pointed a close game. The team work of Notre Dame quieted and the weight of the locals soon told, however, and when the first half closed, the gold and blue team was well up in the lead.

Seldom has such accurate basket shooting been seen in the Notre Dame gymnasium. Basket after basket was made from the center of the floor. The game was fast all the way. Fitzgerald alone scored 17 points, with six field baskets and five free throws. Capt. Kenney made six baskets from the field and Mills counted five.

Cornell and Korst led in the scoring for Beloit. Cornell made three field baskets and three free throws, while Korst, who was substituted for Edler, made four baskets from the field in the second half.

The visitors displayed splendid form. Coach Harper did not make any substitutions in the Notre Dame lineup until the second half was well under way.

The score:
Notre Dame (42) Beloit (21)
Fitzgerald Cornell
Right Forward.
Kenney Ward
Left Forward.
Mills McArthur
Center.
Daley Edler
Right Guard.
Flinagan Klesath
Right Guard.
Substitutions: Notre Dame—Grady for Fitzgerald; Kelleher for Flinagan; Ward for Mills; Kirkland for Daley; Cassidy for Kenney. Beloit—Korst for Edler; Burke for Ward.
Baskets—Kenney, 6; Fitzgerald, 6; Mills, 5; Daley, Korst, 4; Cornell, 3; Ward, Edler, Fouls—Fitzgerald, 5; Grady, 3; Klesath, 2; Referee—Miller, South Bend Y. M. C. A.

PURDUE FIVE OUTCLASSED

Are Bested by Illinois 27 to 8 at Basket Ball.
CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Jan. 16.—By magnificent team work and superior playing, both on offensive and defensive, Illinois defeated Purdue at basketball tonight, 27 to 8. Mosiman, the only Illiosier to penetrate the remarkable Illini wall, scored two goals in the second half. Ralph and Ray Woods starred for Illinois.